

Alerts Monthly Status Report April 1998

- **Integrated Schedule:** The Alerts team provided the requested information on the detailed training and installation plans for the Districts and CAOs. The training dates and resource information at the CAO level were entered into the Alerts Schedule, which was in-turn incorporated into the DCMC Information Technology (IT) Integrated Schedule. CAO site-by-site abbreviated schedules can be found in the DCMC Home Page under Hot Topics. These schedules contain the key Alerts dates in addition to information on other systems.
- **Budget:** Work continues on obtaining an additional \$75K DSDC funding for FY98. As of March 98, DSDC had spent roughly \$67K more than they had planned. This is caused by the five additional unplanned maintenance releases required for Phase I (first quarter FY98) and a higher than expected subcontract award to ManTech.
- **Critical Design Review (CDR), Alerts Phase II:** The CDR was conducted in Columbus, OH 28-30 April 98. The CDR encompassed a detailed technical and functional review of the design, the logical data model, and the input/output format screens and reports. During the CDR, additional minor changes and clarifications were made to the Alerts SSS. The updated document is currently being staffed with the Alerts Team. DCMC is expected to complete our review and sign the SSS by 18 May 98.
- **Program Management Reviews (PMRs):** With the completion of the PDR and CDR, we will return to conducting regular PMRs. The next PMR will probably be conducted in June 98.
- **SDW/Alerts Interface:** The 8 April 98 meeting between DSDC representatives, ManTech, Alerts and SDW representatives to discuss completion of the Alerts/SDW Interface Requirements Specification (IRS) resulted in identification of the following issues:
 - a. IRS needs to be in technical detail versus functional broad requirements.
 - b. In the previous technical meetings only high level requirements were discussed. The application is now at the stage where detailed interface requirements can be addressed and incorporated in the IRS.
 - c. SDW was envisioning "Initial MASS Loads" from Alerts. This is not a requirement since the data isn't available in Phase I Alerts to Mass Load.

d. The decision was made that Alerts will "push" data to SDW. Details on how to accomplish this must be worked.

e. The Alerts developer has questions on certain data in SDW (OrgCodes versus DoDAACs, PIIN/SPIIN stored in SDW two different ways - which to pull, etc.).

DSDC should complete the IRS by 8 May 98, followed by DCMC review and publishing by 18 May 98.

The Alerts Team met with the DSDC SDW technical lead during the Alerts CDR to discuss and finalize SDW Version 8.5 SSS requirements relevant to Alerts. The changes were incorporated into the SDW SSS which is expected be signed by responsible parties in May 98.

- Customer Product Show: As a result of DCMC Functional direction, the Customer Product Show scheduled for May will be postponed and restructured using a regional approach. The DCMDW Alerts Program Manager provided information on room rental costs to conduct the DCMDW Customer Product Show. We have an unfinanced requirement of \$500 - \$750 needed to lease adequate meeting space. The issue is currently being worked at DCMC HQ.
- Customer Deployment Plan: A DCMDW representative will travel to SA-ALC (Kelly AFB) and to HSC (Human Systems Center, Brooks AFB) to conduct Alerts training and bring both locations on-line by late May 98.
- DCMDW: DCMC San Diego reported email problems due to the recent NT email upgrade. The problem is being worked. DCMC Dallas is again experiencing the problem of slow access to their archives. They suspect the high volume of data as the causes. The DBA is investigating the problem.
- DCMDE: No operational issues reported at this time.
- International: DCMC Americas is experienced some software problems with the new Microsoft programs being installed. During the down time Alerts/CPSS are processed manually.
- Metrics: The Command Activity during April 98 showed a slight drop in Alerts processed from 3758 in March to 3142 in April. The average days to process remained steady at 5 days. The CPSS activity fell from 991 in March to 838 in April. Average days to process a CPSS remains 4 days, one day below the baseline of 5 days. Additional table columns will be added to SDW as a result of the Alerts CDR to aid in obtaining more accurate metric information for the Alerts program.
- Functional Testing and TEMP: Mark Philip met with Becky Perry and another DLA-CI representative on 8 April to discuss the Alerts TEMP. Minor changes are needed

to the TEMP for Phase II. Ms. Perry has downloaded the test database and is researching it in preparation for Functional Testing later this year.

· Additional Information:

- a. The Alerts Phase I Functional Documentation will be completed by DSDC and forwarded for DCMC comments by 31 May 98.
- b. ManTech will complete the draft System Design Document for Phase II by 31 May 98.
- c. The Alerts Buying Command Office Symbols are updated biweekly in the Alerts Web page under Resources.

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